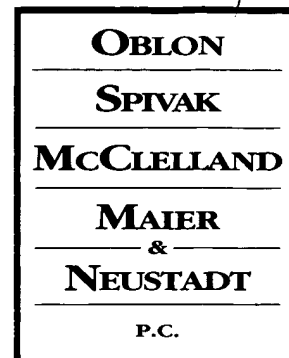




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Re: Inventor: Michiharu MATSUI ET AL.  
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For: NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE  
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TYPE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

SIR:


Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Our check in the amount of \$-0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Official Action mailed August 21, 2002, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-39 for further examination on the merits in the present application.

Further, in response to the Election of Species requirement, Applicants elect embodiment 1 of Figures 1-9 and identify Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 14, 32, 34 and 36 as readable on the elected species.

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Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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